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## DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:	)
LIBRA BONDING COMPANY, LLC and JOEL CLIFFORD McPHAILL	) No. 10A-024-INS ) )
	ONSENT ORDER
Respondents.	)

The State of Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that Libra Bonding Company, LLC and Joel Clifford McPhaill ("Respondents") violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes. Respondents wish to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admit the following Findings of Fact are true and consent to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- Libra Bonding Company, LLC ('Libra") is, and was at all material times, licensed as an Arizona resident bail bond agent, Arizona license number 898441, which expires August 31, 2011
- 2. Joel Clifford McPhaill ("McPhaill") is, and was at all material times, licensed as an Arizona resident bail bond agent, Arizona license number 883184, which expires September 30, 2010. McPhaill is the Member/Owner of Libra.
- 3. On June 5, 2009, the Department received a complaint from Warren Green ("Green") stating that he saw an employee of Respondents riding his motorcycle.
- 4. On July 28, 2008, Green purchased two bonds from Respondents: one for \$50,000 (D-555030019) and one for \$40,000 (D-555029206). Terri Cook, Green's girlfriend, paid the \$5,000 premium for bond D-555030019 with a credit card. Green paid the \$4,000

premium for bond D-555029206 by putting his 2000 Big Dog model motorcycle ("Green's motorcycle") up as collateral for the premium payment. The bonds (D-555030019 for \$50,000 and D-555029206 for \$40,000) were secured with deeds of trust on two of Green's friends' homes with aggregate value of \$90,000. At the time of the bonds purchase, Respondents gave Green a receipt for the motorcycle but did not value the motorcycle, which was not running. Respondents took possession of the motorcycle at the time of the bonds purchase.

- 5. On May 4, 2009, one of the properties securing the bonds was foreclosed upon.
- 6. On January 22, 2009, Respondents sent Green an invoice showing an outstanding balance of \$4,975 on the bonds.
- 7. On January 27, 2009, Cheryl Savory called and spoke with Respondents regarding Green's motorcycle. Respondents told Ms. Savory that Green's motorcycle could be repurchased for \$3,000 which would settle the remaining balance on Green's account.
- 8. On February 29, 2009, Respondents sold Green's motorcycle to one of it's subcontractors for \$5,000. Respondents assert that they mailed to Green written notification of the sale of the motorcycle to satisfy the remaining balance. Green claims that he never received said notice. Respondents are unable to provide evidence of the written notice to Green.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes a failure to keep at the agent's place of business the usual and customary records pertaining to transaction made

- 4. Respondents state that no promises of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to them to induce them to enter into this Consent Order and that they have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Respondents acknowledge that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Director is solely to settle this matter against them and does not preclude any other agency, including the Department, officer, or subdivision of this state or this agency from instituting civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.
- 6. Respondents acknowledge that this Consent Order is an administrative action that the Department will report to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Respondents further acknowledge that they must report this administrative action to any and all states in which they hold an insurance license and must disclose this administrative action on any license application.
- Joel Clifford McPhaill, Jr. represents that he is the Member/Owner of Libra
   Bonding Company, LLC and, as such, is authorized to enter this Consent Order on its behalf.

Date

Joel Clifford McPhailll, License No. 883184

Libra Bonding Company, LLC.

Date Joel Clifford McPhailll, Jr., Member/Owner

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3	COPIES of the foregoing mailed/delivered this <u>4th</u> day of <u>June</u> , 2009, to:
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